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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26 as follows.

The music score information is processed by the score melody processing module ~~82-52~~ followed by keyword generation module 54. The two modules will be illustrated by individual figures. (Fig 4 and Fig 5). After the score keywords are extracted 54, they can be indexed 56 for the purpose of efficient storage and searching of the score database.

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 10, line 14 as follows.

Fig. 5 illustrates the flowchart of the score keywords generation. After the peaks and valleys of the score curve are detected 68, for each peak and each valley, a value is calculated 70. For a peak, the value is the difference between its immediate following valley and itself, and the value is positive. For a valley, the value is the difference between its immediate following peak and itself, and it is a negative value. The sequence of values of the peaks and valleys are the first part of the features used in music retrieval. The lower picture in Fig 6 (a) shows the peaks and valleys together with their associated values.